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Ghana and Romania:* draft decision

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly requested the Council to establish the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as Assembly resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, 36/121 D of 10 December 1981, 42/130 of 7 December 1987, 45/138 of 14 December 1990, 48/115 of 20 December 1993, 49/171 of 23 December 1994, 50/228 of 7 June 1996, 51/72 of 12 December 1996, 54/143 of 17 December 1999, 55/72 of 4 December 2000, 56/133 of 19 December 2001, 57/185 of 18 December 2002 and 58/152 of 22 December 2003, in which the Assembly provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee:

(a) Takes note of the requests to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in the letter dated 23 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General[1] and the letter dated 2 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General; [2]

(b) Recommends that the General Assembly, at its fifty-ninth session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from sixty-six to sixty-eight States.

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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[2] E/2004/76.

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Coordination, programme and other questions: tobacco or health

Bangladesh: draft resolution

Tobacco, poverty and the Millennium Development Goals

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with concern the escalation in smoking and other forms of tobacco use worldwide,

Recognizing the adverse impact of tobacco consumption on public health and poverty eradication,

Expressing concern that the rise in tobacco consumption could undermine the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force,[1]

Welcoming the adoption of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, adopted by consensus in 2003 by all member States of the World Health Organization,

Emphasizing the need for expeditious entry into force of the Framework Convention and its effective implementation at the country level,

1. *Calls upon* Member States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying, accepting, approving or formally confirming the Convention and upon those who have not yet signed the Convention to consider acceding to it at the earliest opportunity, with a view to bringing the Convention into force as soon as possible;

2. *Urges* Member States to strengthen tobacco control measures in their national programmes and to incorporate tobacco control in their Millennium Development Goals strategy in order to reduce the burden of disease and to alleviate poverty;

[1] E/2004/55.

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3. *Calls upon* the relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and the regional economic commissions to include tobacco control in their strategies for implementing the Millennium Development Goals and to mainstream tobacco control in their operational programmes at the country level;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of this resolution, including on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, to its substantive session in 2006.

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Australia, Austria,* Belgium, Canada, Cyprus,* Czech Republic,* Denmark,* Estonia,* Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland,* Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,* Mexico,* Netherlands,* New Zealand,* Norway,* Poland, Portugal,* Slovakia,* Slovenia,* Spain,* Sweden, Switzerland,* United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft decision

Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/117 on human rights and human responsibilities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on Human Rights,[1] which declares, inter alia, that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that everyone is entitled to enjoy their rights and freedoms without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Recalling also the Vienna Declaration on Human Rights,[2] which declares, inter alia, that human rights are universal, interrelated, interdependent and indivisible,

1. *Expresses concern* that the content of the pre-draft declaration on human social responsibilities, contained in annex I to document E/CN.4/2003/105, runs counter to these fundamental principles by seeking to make the enjoyment of human rights conditional;

2. *Decides* therefore to request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights not to proceed with the actions requested of it by Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/117 of 21 April 2004;

3. *Decides also* that the present decision overrides Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/117.

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] General Assembly resolution 217 A (iii).

[2] A/CONF.157/24 (Part 1), chap. III.

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Human settlements

Qatar:* draft decision

Human settlements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;[2]

2. *Decides* to transmit the above report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-ninth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda for consideration by the Council at its substantive session of 2005.

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*, Istanbul, *3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[2] E/2004/70.

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